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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2009.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 10 and 41-61 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 10 and 41-61 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

**Response to Arguments**

1. Applicant's amendments/arguments, see pages 2-6, filed 4/16/2009, with respect to the 101 rejection of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 101 rejection of claims 10, 41 & 49 has been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stack, (U.S. Pat # 6,257,774).

Considering claim 10, the claimed computer-implemented method for programmatic generation of continuous multimedia presentations on a computer station capable of receiving at least one presentation and a plurality of sensed events, comprising; ‘maintaining a library of rules on the computer’, is met by the skill rules 20 & program rules 18, see col. 6 & col. 7.

‘receiving by the computer, at least one previously generated presentation’, reads on the images in the object store 42, that can be processed by the image editor 32, see col. 10, lines 5-26.

‘selecting at least one event, wherein events control which rules in the library are applied to the presentation’,... ‘using the computer to test each rule in the library for each selected event to determine which rules will be applied’... ‘using the computer to apply each rule that positively responded to the presentation to modify the instant presentation’, is met by the discussion of Stack, that the various block operations on the images are implemented subject to the block operation rules from the knowledge base 34, see col. 9, lines 54-67 thru col 10, lines 1-67; col. 25, lines 18-65; col. 29, lines 34-67.

5. Claims 41-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bendinelli, (U.S. Pat # 6,792,618).

Considering claim 41, the claimed computer implemented method of modifying previously generated presentations on a computer, comprising;

‘creating a set of rules based on user-input on the computer’, is met by the discussion in Bendinelli that teaches a viewer of TV program may select the type outcome he/she would like to have for a program, Abstract; col. 3, lines 30-45; col. 4, lines 21-31; col. 4, lines 45-67.

‘selecting a previously generated presentation to be modified’; is met by the program being displayed in Bendinelli.

‘after creating the rules, automatically modifying, without user intervention, the previously generated presentation using the computer, based on the rules to produce a modified presentation’,... ‘outputting the modified presentation from the computer’, reads on the teaching in Bendinelli of providing alternate or substitute endings to programs, based on the type of desirable program characteristics selected by the user, see col. 5, lines 6-67.

Considering claims 42-48, Bendinelli teaches all subject matter, see Fig. 2-Fig. 3; col. 5, lines 1-67 thru col .7, lines 1-25.

Considering claim 49, the claimed computer implemented method of modifying previously generated presentation, by automatically expanding the instant previously generated presentation, corresponds with subject matter mentioned in the rejection of claim 41, and is

likewise treated. Bendinelli teaches that the invention may supply entire scenes, which reads on an expansion of the previously generated presentation, see col. 5, lines 55-65.

Considering claims 50-51, Bendinelli teaches that entirely new scenes may be applied to the video program, which meets the claims.

Considering claims 52-54 & 58-61, the subject matter is met by Bendinelli, col. 5, lines 7-31 & col. 5, lines 41-45.

Considering claim 55, the claimed computer implemented method of creating a composite presentation sequence from at least two previously generated presentations, by automatically combining the instant previously generated presentation, corresponds with subject matter mentioned in the rejection of claim 41, and is likewise treated. Bendinelli teaches that the invention may include, overwrite, and substitute, etc., presentations, which reads on the claimed creating a composite of the previously generated presentations; see col. 5, lines 55-65.

Considering claims 56-57, the subject matter reads on Bendinelli displaying the alternate scenes, according to the timing information.

### **Conclusion**

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- A) Abbot, Seidman      Teaches indexing video segments so that they can be edited.
- B) Chadda, Gerba      Editing video segments according to a set protocol.
- C) Cobbley, Rayner      Indexing video segments.

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